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Robert L. McBrien ..... 1939—1940
Edmund E. Lamb ..... 1941—1942
Paul Pennington ..... 1943—1944
Earl F. Barger ..... 1945—1946
I. T. Kopicki ..... 1947—1948
Glenn Ostrander ..... 1949—1950
Harry X Boosel ..... 1951—1952

PAST SECRETARIES

R. Edward Davis ..... 1919—1927
Elmer Lawless ..... 1928—1930
I. T. Kopicki 1931
M. A. Powills 1932
R. Edward Davis ..... 1933—1936
M. Vernon Sheldon ..... 1937—1938
I. T. Kopicki ..... 1939—1941
Clifford Lindall ..... 1942—1943
Glenn R. Ostrander ..... 1944—1946
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Glenn B. Smedley 1950
Joseph Merkel 1951
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As of December 1, 1953

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Dr. Emanuel Frazin, R-593, 4753 N. Broadway. U.S. Coins.

Albert J. Frendahl, R-365, P.O. Box 1784. Commemorative Coins of the U.S.A.

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Maurice Friedman, R-504, 6023 N. St. Louis Ave. Indian and Large Cents.

Loyd B. Gettys, NR-402, Box 320, David City, Nebr.

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Paul H. Ginther, NR-584, New Holland, Ill. U.S. Small Cents, Commemorative Halves, Lincoln and Washington Medals.

Salvatore Graziano, R-545, 523 N. Taylor Ave., Oak Park. General.

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George Habermehl, R-496, 526 S. Hawthorn Ave., Elmhurst, Ill. U.S.

Ray Haggenjos, NR-452, 840 N. Seminary St., Galesburg, Ill. Civil War Tokens and Cards; Hard Times Tokens.

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Ferdinand E. Heimberger, R-424, 1748 N. Tripp Ave.

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Lee F. Hewitt, R-215, 7320 Milwaukee Ave. Type Coins of the World.
Evelyn Higginbotham, A-562, 9617 S. Winchester Ave. U.S. Coins.
Wm. B. Higginbotham, R-558, 9617 S. Winchester Ave. U.S. Coins.
Fred F. Hoernemann, R-594, 5447 W. Walton St. U.S. Coins.
William Hoppe, R-519, 3237 N. Racine Ave., Side Entrance. American and Foreign Coins and Commemorative Medals.
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Jim Hurlbut, R-550, 848 Woodland Drive, Glen Ellyn. U.S. Commemoratives and U.S. Gold.
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Roy Knockemus, R-490, 4940 N. Whipple St. U.S. Coins.
I. T. Kopicki, R-124, 2142 Marshall Blvd. U.S. Coins and Paper Money, Lincoln Medals.
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(213 members as of December 1, 1953)

In Memoriam

ALDEN SCOTT BOYER

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Alden Scott Boyer died suddenly, at his office, on June 16, 1953. He was born in Cresco, Iowa, on January 29, 1887. He graduated from Northwestern School of Pharmacy in 1908. He married Marie Gunderson of St. Ansgar, Iowa in 1909. They lived in Reeder, North Dakota until 1912 when he came to Chicago and established the Boyer Chemical Company. In 1923 he established a French comestic division, The Society Perfumeur, in Paris. Mrs. Marie Boyer, who was also a member of CCC, passed away on May 1, 1950. Mr. Boyer married Elizabeth Marie Johnson of Hamilton, Ohio, on July 8, 1950.

Mr. Boyer was a charter member of the Chicago Coin Club, holding membership number seven and served at president from 1919 thru 1927. He was also a past secretary and past president of the American Numismatic Association. Mr. Boyer was a collector of almost everything and he had his own private museum. He gave an outstanding photographic collection to the Eastman Museum in Rochester, N.Y.

He is survived by his widow, and a sister. Interment was at Hamilton, Ohio.

The Library

The attention of our newer members is called to the fact that your club maintains a sizeable library of numismatic books for the use of its members. Fred A. Clarke is our Librarian and he maintains offices in Room 901, 69 W. Washington Street. Members are permitted to borrow any book or books from the library for a period of one month. If you do not have a library list, one may be obtained from the secretary. The club owns over 200 works and members are invited to use this important facility.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the brief time allowed to us between the end of one period and the beginning of another, it's a good thing to stop and look back. Not to gloat over successes or bemoan failures, but for the purpose of examining the record to find out where we have been strong and where weak, so that we may better plan our future course.

Interest in club activities is evidenced by the excellent attendance at meetings throughout the year. There has been considerable activity at the trading tables before and after meetings. Auctions at meetings have not been frequent, due to a couple of rather large auctions held in connection with special events. Interest in the Visual Education Committee slides has been keen and I believe they should be used more frequently than in the past. Papers and lectures have been conspicuously absent. Positive action should be taken to encourage the preparation and presentation of numismatic papers.

Our relations with other organizations have been very cordial. The club is well represented in the official families of both the American Numismatic Association and the Central States Numismatic Society. Chicago members are closely identified with a great many of their activities.

Among the outstanding events of the year were: The Central States Convention which was so successful that it compares favorably with many of the best ANA Conventions and provides a yardstick for other similar meetings. "Know your Bank" Week, in which quite a number of our members participated, is a new banking recognition of numismatics. Its success in Chicago is due in large part to cooperation of our banker members. — National Coin Week, in which we participated as usual. Sixth place is far from first, but much of our attention was directed to the CSNS Convention and the Bank Week, and therefore not too bad. — The Chicago Coin Club's Annual Banquet. Here was a direct dividend on the efforts put forth for the CSNS Convention. It surpassed in every way very many of the conventions which have been held in recent years.

I am happy to report to you that our membership has enjoyed a very healthy increase during the past year and that our finances are in good order as you will find from the report of our auditors.

As you have seen, there are some things to which we may "point with pride" and some we'd rather not talk about. Let's keep up with the good things and as for the others, well, instead of talking let's do something about them.

My sincerest thanks to all the officers and committees for their diligent efforts and to all of you, for without your interested participation there could have been no accomplishment.

CLYDE L. GRIMM, President.

Auctions

Auctions are usually held four to six times each year. They serve a two-fold purpose. They enable a collector to dispose of items which are duplicates or which no longer are needed in his collection. They also serve to make such material available to other collectors. Incidentally the Club's commission of 10% helps to defray the cost of publishing this Bulletin and Membership Roster.

The Chatter

The Chicago Coin Club Chatter has now been in existence five years. In its beginning it was something in the nature of an experiment, but it has grown to a point where it now appears to be permanent.

This interesting sheet brings you the news about numismatic events and also a little gossip and chatter about the people you know. It also serves as meeting notice. If you have any interesting news bits about numismatics, numismatists or some just plain "low down," please mail it to the Secretary and he will see that it gets into the author's hands.

1953 CSNS Convention

Here was, without question, the most important event in the recent history of The Chicago Coin Club. It is significant that while it was a regional affair, it merited the attention and the attendance of prominent collectors from all parts of the country.

The Committee, consisting of Glen B. Smedley, Chairman, Earl C. Brown and Theodore F. Pokorney, was appointed early last year and proceeded at once with its work. First they adopted an overall plan for the convention, then expended a great deal of time and painstaking effort in working out the details. Publicity, hotel accommodations, meeting schedules, entertainment, auction, banquet, activities for the ladies, all were carefully planned and carried out.

The result was a registered attendance of 499 guests coming from 32 states and Canada. There were 44 dealers in the bourse. R. Green conducted a very fine and successful mail bid and floor auction. The banquet was attended by 245 guests and was followed by some very fine entertainment provided by LeRoy and Hal Kurtzeborn.

Many of our friends, as they were preparing to leave, inquired about plans for similar events in the future. Chicago definitely is established as the center of numismatic activity.